(a) The budget allocation for the 3 Defence Services during the last five years have been as given below :

(Rs. in Crores)

	Army	Navy	Air Force
1990-91 (Actuals) .	8680	1963	3712
1991-92 (Actuals) .	9103	2090	4057
1992-93 (Actuals) .	9366	2021	5176
1993-94 (RE) . .	11458	2644	5948
1994-95 (BE) . .	12316	2738	6393

(b) It may be seen from the above state ment that there have been no reduction-; in the allocations mal; for the 3 Services, ex cept for a marginal reduction for the Navy during 1992-93. While the Revised estimates of the Army and the Air Force for 1993-94, have been 122.34% and 1)4.91 % of the ac tuals of 1992-93 respectively, the RE of the Navy for the same period has been increased by 130.83% to compensate lor the slight fall in the previous year.

(c) Necessarily, priorilisation is carried out to meet the Services essential require ments within the available resources. Th<: requirements of the N3vy have also been kept in view while finalising the allocations.

Expeditious Disposal of Cases by Cat

*229. SHRI O. 1 . KOHLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the steps Government propose to take to reduce litigations on service matters;

(b) whether it takes much longer time in deciding the cases by the Central Adminis-trative Tribunal due to prolonged and frequent adjournments;

(c) if so, the steps taken to evolve methods to expedite the disposal of the cases so as to ensure that no case takes more than 6 months to decide; and

(d) what is the definition of 'trivial matters' ?

THE MINISTER OF STA1F. IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Government constantly reviews rules, orders, ins-tructions etc. keeping in view, among other things the need to bring down litigation on service matters. It is also impressed upon all Ministries/Departments of Govt, of India to strictly adhere to and properly implement the prescribed policies, rules, orders etc. so that the litigation is reduced to a minimum.

(b) No comparative study has been under taken to compare the tim- taken in dispos?! of cases by other courts vis-a-vis Central Administrative Tirbunal. During the lasi 5 years the disposal of cases by CAT has been steadily on the increase. Government lias issued instruitions to all Departments to properly and effectively defend their cases in the Tribunal. Adjournments are granted by the Tribunal in their judicial capacity.

(c) Step; ate taken by Government to make selections and appointments for all the likely vacancies of Vke-Chairmen and Members in the Tribunal so that the success^ incumbent takes over a-j soon as a post falls vacant on demittiig office by the previous incumbent. Central Administrative Tribunal also takes necessary steps in their judicial capacity to see that cases art; disposed of expeditiously.

(d) 'Trivial matters' is not defined in the * rules but will have the same meaning as in common parlance.

Espionage in ISRO

*230. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI ;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports published in the 'Hindustan Times' of November, 24 and 'Pioneer' of December *2,* 1994 relating to the arrest of Scientists cf Indian Space R2-search Organisation (ISRO) and others for espionage;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) what are the names of senior Scientists of ISRO and certain other persons allegedly involved in the leakage and transfer of vital information about the country's space pro-gramme and other confidential data and to whom such information has been patted on;

(d) what are the facts and details of documents leaked/transferred;

(e) what is the number of espionage cases in the Defence and Nuclear installations which were detected during each of the last five years and what are the details of each of such case;

(f) what action Government have taken against the persons found involved/guilty; and

(g) what steps have been taken for the safety and security of secret documents l dating to ISRO and other Defence and Nuclear i i lations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE : (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During investigations of a case in Thiruvananthapuram under Foreigners Orders 19-18 read with Foreigners Act against a foreign national for overstaying in India, the Police authorities discovered evtdence indicating some links between the said foreign national and a Scientist of L Propulsion Systems Centre, Thiruvanaautapuraru, one of the Centres of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It was suspected that certain classified documents of ISRO iiad been leaked out to the foieignej. Therefore, a case was registered under Section 3 & 4 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code (IPC). Following the registration of this case, six persons including 2 Scientists of ISRO 2 foreigners and 2 businessmen were arrested. The mattei has since been entrusted by Government of India to the Central B'u^au of Investigation (CBI) on the request of Oteyernraent of Kerala and cases have been regislored by the CBI under RC-IO(S)/ 94-SIU(V)/SIC-II New Delhi under Section 7 of Foreigners Orders 1948 read with Section 14 of Foreigners Act 1946 and RC 11 (S)/94-SIU-V/SIC. II under Sections 3, 4 & 5 of Official Secrets Act 1923 read with Section 34 of IPC. The matter it under investigation.

The names of the accused are Ms. Fauzia Hassan and Ms. Mariyam Rasheeda, foreign nationals, Shri D. Sasikumaran and Shri S. Nambinarayanan, ISRO Scientists; Shri K. Chandrasekharan and Shri S. K. Sharma both businessmen.

(e) The information is being collected.

(f) The case is under investigation. The two Scientists of ISRO have been placed under deemed suspension. All the accused are in custody.

(g) Security instructions issued by Government are adopted for the safety and security of secret documents in ISRO and Defence and Nuclear installations. Review of the existing mechanisms for security in the different Centres and Units of Department of Space/ISRO has been initiated to strengthen the security measures.

Solar E-iergy

♦231. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV : *I* Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have been taken to encourage "Solar Power" in the States, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any incentive programmes have been drawn to popularise the "Solar . System"; and

(c) if not, whether Government would cons ider the starting of schemes in States to popularise the system as such ?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Government is implementing socially oriented and market oriented schemes to encourage the use of stand alone (non grid-interactive) solar photovoltaic (SPV) devices/systems for solar pcv:r generation in the country, including in the State of Tamil Nadu. It has also taken up a few grid-interactive SPV power plant demonstration projects and also proposes to take up a 35 MW Solar Thermal power plant demonstration project near Jodhpur in Rajasthan.